

7th and 8th Grade Art Syllabus

WELCOME to 7th-8th Grade Art!! Because you will be rotating to 6 different exploratory classes this year you will only be in the art room for about 6 weeks. During these 6 weeks we will experiment with a variety of materials and techniques so you will get a taste of many different forms of art. Hopefully this will help you in deciding if or which art classes you would like to take during your high school career.

The following are projects that we will be exploring (time permitting):

American Gothic Parody Drawing:

- Learn who created the famous “American Gothic” painting and the symbolism within the painting. Then create your own American Gothic Parody using contemporary pop culture characters or your own creative cast of characters. Take your time showing details within this drawing using all of the elements of art.

Oil Pastel Grid Drawing:

-Learn how to use the grid method of drawing when creating your own oil pastel drawing of a subject of your choice.

Collage / Painting:

-Learn how artists use everyday imagery around them to create abstract works of art as you create your own 3D abstract map circle collage painting.

Clay - Sculpture Unit:

-Create a functional vessel to serve a utilitarian purpose, using your favorite hand-building technique (coil, slab, or pinch).

Fiber Arts / Collage – Cardboard Initial:

-Create an armature out of cardboard of an initial / letter of your choice. Papier-mâché around the cardboard armature to complete the form. Then finish the piece by painting and adding other unique features about you.

Jackson Pollock Non- Objective Splatter Painting:

-Learn the technique and art of splatter painting as you create your own Jackson Pollock masterpiece with lots of layers!

If you complete a project early go back and look at it again and make it your best! You will be graded over the following guidelines: completion of the goals of the assignment, craftsmanship, time-on-task, and effort you put into your work. You may also work on extra credit drawings up to 10 points.